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MR. HARKNESS: Right now I am showing Trooper Burgos the Reportable Incident Form of the That document is on behalf of the actual SP-525. allegation that came into OPS. I believe the date is October 18th for that particular document. MR. RIZZO: Mike, do you want to mark these and attach them? MR. HARKNESS: I would prefer that everybody who looks at them, I'm going to sign, he's going to sign, everybody else would at least apply their initials if that's okay. MR. RIZZO: Well, yes. I am thinking in general terms like when we do depositions, as you show him something it gets marked for identification purposes for the record so that when it is discussed or referred to it has a specific destination. Is that okay with you, Mike, if we do that as he goes along? MR. BUKOSKY: Do you want to mark them as exhibits? MR. RIZZO: Yes. And attach them to the court reporter's transcript. MR. BUKOSKY: I think that's fine. And I definitely think starting out, we are on the record now, that we should indicate the date and who is in the room.

MR. HARKNESS: I will do that. When I go 1 on the digital recording, we are going to do all that. 2 MR. BUKOSKY: And, I guess, I will mark 3 this as Exhibit A. 4 MR. RIZZO: Well, are you going to show 5 him these once the official --6 MR. HARKNESS: Yes. 7 MR. BUKOSKY: I am looking at right now a 8 form called New Jersey State Police Office of 9 10 Professional Standards Principal Acknowledgment Form that Officer Burgos was requested to execute which is 11 the standard form. 12 I would just have two comments. 13 that, one portion of it indicates that the contents of 14 this investigation will not be disclosed to anyone. 15 sort of have a unique case here because it is being 16 17 transcribed and that transcription is intended to be part of that federal case so I think it is understood 18 19 that disclosing it in the context of that federal case 20 is not a violation of this agreement. And also that if there is some concerns or 21 22 something like that, we can obviously address that 23 within the context of the federal proceeding. 24 Also, I would note that the form indicates 25 that Officer Burgos would be advised as to the specific

nature of the complaint so I would imagine that will 1 2 happen. 3 MR. RIZZO: Yes. I have no problem with any of that. I wouldn't want to have the Weingarten 4 Form act as any way to try and prevent any disclosures 5 that you said should be part of the federal case. I 6 7 have no problem with anything that you stated. fact, this goes on and more documents are needed or 8 requested, our normal routine is to enter into a 9 10 confidentiality agreement where the specifics are laid 11 out and signed by the Court so documents can be exchanged that would not ordinarily be subject to 12 public disclosure. So that's another way of taking 13 14 care of it if the proceeding continues on for some reason beyond this, the initial show of cause. 15 16 MR. HARKNESS: 525, you're satisfied with that, sir? Did you get a chance to review it? 17 18 MR. BUKOSKY: You're asking me if I 19 reviewed it? Yes. I have reviewed it. 20 MR. HARKNESS: Anybody else would like to see the 525? 21 22 MR. RIZZO: I would. 23 MR. HARKNESS: I'm now presenting Trooper Burgos with his Letter of Declination received from the 24 Division of Criminal Justice. It's dated February 7th, 25

It identifies Trooper Burgos as the principal. 1 The allegation that was reviewed was for theft. 2 to put on the record that this particular Letter of 3 Declination has an incorrect Internal Affairs' case 4 It is identified as 2011-0361. The case in 5 question here is 2011-0596. Any questions? 6 7 MR. BUKOSKY: No. MR. HARKNESS: Would anybody else like to 8 review the document? No. I am now presenting Trooper 9 Burgos with a New Jersey State Police Office of 10 11 Professional Standards Material Witness Notification List for Principals. It is case 2012-0596. Would you 12 mind initialing that, sir. 13 MR. BUKOSKY: Am I getting copies of all 14 15 these documents? 16 MR. HARKNESS: Not through me per se but 17 maybe you can request it through him. 18 MR. RIZZO: Send me a letter telling me specifically what it is you want then I don't see why 19 20 It's all part of the same thing. It has to go 21 before the Judge. Some of it may wind up being 22 attachments so... 23 MR. HARKNESS: I am now presenting the 24 Weingartner Representative Acknowledgment Form to your 25 attorney for him to review and sign. I am now

1	presenting a copy of an E-Mail correspondence from
2	Katherine Hartman sent on Thursday, August 16th, 2012,
3	at 9:56 a.m. to three E-Mails. The one in question
4	here, the one relevant here is the one identified as
5	Chris Burgos cburgos@staf.org. The subject is FW as in
6	forward Freites extension. I am going to present this
7	to Trooper Burgos for his review.
8	MR. BUKOSKY: I just make a note for the
9	record. At this point it seems like we are going to
10	start with the substantiative aspects of the interview
11	here.
12	MR. HARKNESS: No, sir. I'm not asking a
13	thing until I go on the digital recorder. I am
14	allowing him to review some documents and you to and
15	anyone else who would like to see them.
16	MR. BUKOSKY: Okay.
17	MR. HARKNESS: Any questions about that?
18	MR. BURGOS: No.
19	MR. HARKNESS: Anybody else?
20	MR. RIZZO: No.
21	MR. HARKNESS: I am now providing Trooper
22	Burgos with a copy of the State New Jersey Office of
23	Administrative Law Board of Extension. It is OAL
24	Docket Number POLO1779-12S just for his review. Any
25	questions, sir?

MR. BURGOS: No. 1 MR. HARKNESS: I am now presenting Trooper 2 Burgos with a copy of the New Jersey State Police 3 Internal Investigation Review Sheet for case 2009-0354. 4 It is an eight-page document. It does have some 5 redactions in it. If it was completely redacted it 6 7 would be completely marked. So I tried to be somewhat commonsensical about what was redacted for review. 8 questions? 9 MR. BURGOS: 10 No. MR. HARKNESS: That's all I have as far as 11 documents to review. Prior to going on the digital 12 recorder, I would like to offer the opportunity, what I 13 like to do in my Internal Affairs interview, is to 14 15 offer the opportunity to dialogue about this matter. 16 You're sitting here before us for the allegation of unauthorized release of information and failure to 17 disclose to the Division information that would be 18 important to the Division. So I am offering the 19 20 opportunity to you before we go officially on the record to discuss any of that at all. 21 22 MR. BURGOS: I have nothing. 23 MR. HARKNESS: Okay. 24 MR. BUKOSKY: The only thing I would 25 indicate initially before we get into the

substantiative review is that, I just want to make sure that we understand and the record reflects that Officer Burgos here is under orders to submit to this interview today. I wanted that to be made perfectly clear because if he is not being ordered, then we respectfully decline to be here. I think that needs to be definitely clarified because we understand him to be ordered to be here.

We would also note that because of the nature and scope of the investigation as described so far, we would understand the subject matter to be routine union activity concerning his representation of members in disciplinary cases which are routine events. Because of that, we would understand the entirety of the investigation to be privileged either under the attorney-client privilege or the Freedom of Association First Amendment Rights not to disclose that type of information.

I would also note that because this, matter appears to be under the continued criminal review, that certain Fifth Amendment Rights would be applicable to this particular proceeding and because he is being ordered directly under pain of dismissal to provide these statements, we would understand any and all of his statements to be protected under the Fifth

Amendment. 1 MR. RIZZO: First, I hope I don't leave 2 anything out, when you say ordered to be here, are you 3 talking about order of the Court pursuant to the Order 4 to Show Cause that you filed and/or order of the State 5 Police to participate in an internal investigation? 6 MR. BUKOSKY: Order of the State Police, 7 his employer. 8 There also is an order MR. RIZZO: Okay. 9 by the Court as a result of the hearing that was 10 initiated by Judge Sheraton in response to your Order 11 to Show Cause that he appear and answer these 1.2 questions. Am I right about that? 13 MR. BUKOSKY: No. There is no such order. 14 MR. RIZZO: The Judge did not order him to 15 appear to submit to the questioning? 16 MR. BUKOSKY: No. The only thing the 17 Judge declined was to enjoin this interview. There is 18 no order that he must attend by the Court. 19 MR. RIZZO: Now, the second thing is, you 20 21 said something about the confidentiality of the investigation, the normal confidentiality attached to 22 23 an OPS investigation. I don't see any reason why that 24 would change other than the fact that there is a 25 federal action which you filed so obviously some things

are going to be public record because your Order to Show Cause was filed, your verified complaint was filed. There will be Court hearings which will be necessarily of a public record. So to the extent that the two intertwine, there is going to be some public revelation as a matter of course. So I don't want that to be confused or to be held against the State Police because they are responding in a public forum to a legal proceeding that you filed. Am I in error in anything?

MR. BUKOSKY: No. I think we should consult to make sure that the confidentiality of this process continues to be ensured for both sides. So nothing foolish should be done and while I respect the confidentiality of this proceeding and with respect to Officer Burgos as well as the State Police. We will take whenever actions we need to do, you and I, to make sure that we don't infringe upon that in any way.

MR. RIZZO: And I don't have any problem with that and I know that Trooper Burgos and yourself are aware that OPS internal proceedings are confidential by SOP and probably other applicable laws too. It's not like anybody is going to be going and broadcasting what's going on here at least from that perspective. All right?

1	MR. BUKOSKY: Correct.
2	MR. RIZZO: The other thing that struck me
3	was you indicated that there are still a criminal
4	investigation going on?
5	MR. BUKOSKY: Yes. I was referred to a
6	letter, and we probably should make it part of the
7	record, that indicated that there certainly was a
8	criminal investigation open concerning theft that
9	applied to this matter, that the case is still being
10	held open to see if there is any further evidence to be
11	collected concerning that open criminal investigation.
12	MR. RIZZO: Maybe I was wrong, but I
13	thought it was Declination Letter?
14	MR. HARKNESS: It's a Letter of
15	Declination.
16	MR. RIZZO: Which means that?
17	MR. HARKNESS: Its been reviewed.
18	MR. RIZZO: That CJ reviewed it and
19	declined to proceed with any kind of criminal
20	investigation concerning that particular charge.
21	MR. BUKOSKY: Well, they definitely
22	decline at the present time. However, they left the
23	window open, I guess, for anything that comes out of
24	this interview today.
25	MR. RIZZO: Based on what?

MR. BUKOSKY: I don't know. You have to 1 read the letter. They said if something comes up we 2 want to hear about it. 3 MR. RIZZO: Okay. In other words, if they 4 uncover different evidence, they can start a new 5 investigation. But as of February 7th, 2013, based on 6 a letter from Dermot O'Grady of the Division of 7 Criminal Justice, they declined to proceed with any 8 kind of criminal investigation. You do understand 9 that? 10 MR. BUKOSKY: I understand that. 11 12 certainly don't think this is a criminal case by any measure but my opinion doesn't count. Apparently 13 someone in the State believes it may be criminal in 14 15 nature, and in such a case we would assert our Fifth 16 Amendment Rights. However, we also understand that we are being ordered today to provide a statement. 17 18 MR. RIZZO: Okay. I don't have any 19 dispute with that other than there is no criminal 20 investigation pending now. If he exerts his Fifth 21 Amendment Rights, we can deal with that at the time it 22 I don't see that occurring but certainly he 23 is entitled to exert that privilege if he feels there 24 is criminal matters that come up in a question.

don't believe this proceeding, because it clearly

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states in the letter this is an administrative proceeding, not a criminal proceeding, so I don't think anything like that is going to come up. Was there anything else you wanted to put on the record that you discussed as a preamble before we begin? MR. BUKOSKY: That's all. I just think we should confirm that he's under direct orders to provide this statement. MR. RIZZO: Well, he is under direct orders as per SOP's of the State Police. Any sworn member who OPS receives a complaint about and is named as a principal in an investigation, is by SOP ordered to participate pursuant to his oath of office, pursuant to his obligations as a State Police Officer, pursuant to his obligations as a law enforcement officer he has to participate. That's the rules and regulations. MR. BUKOSKY: All right. So we understand that he is being ordered to provide this statement and that seems to be what you're telling me. MR. RIZZO: Yes. Okay. MR. HARKNESS: The date is February 26th, The time is now 10:33 a.m. My name is Detective Sergeant First Class William Harkness, Badge 5355. am currently assigned to the Internal Affairs Investigation Bureau, that's the Central Unit.

specifically Toms River, New Jersey. I am currently 1 the Assistant Unit Head of that particular location. 2 I am sitting here at Bear Tavern, OPS Bear 3 4 Tayern in the more formal of the two conference rooms to the back of the building. Bear Tavern is located in 5 Ewing, New Jersey and it is the headquarters of OPS. 6 The interview before me will be with 7 8 Trooper I Christopher Burgos, Badge 4276. He's a principal regarding the internal investigation 9 10 2012-0596. I also want to immediately put on the 11 12 record there is five other people here. Excuse me. Four other people here besides myself and Trooper 13 Burgos and I will put them on the record momentarily. 14 15 EXAMINATION 16 BY MR. HARKNESS: 17 18 0 I will start with you, Trooper Burgos. 19 Can you please state your full name and spell your last 20 name, sir. 21 Trooper I Christopher J. Burgos, B-u-r-g-o-s, 22 Badge number 4276. 23 And what is your age and date of birth. 24 Α 49 years old. August 14th, 1963. 25 What New Jersey State Police Academy class Q

1	did you graduate?
2	A 104.
3	Q And do you recall the graduation date?
4	A June 19th, 1986.
5	Q And what is your present assignment?
6	A I am detached to the Administrative Section
7	while fulfilling my duties as the elected President of
8	the State Troopers' Fraternal Association.
9	Q And what was your assignment on August
10	16th, 2012?
11	A I believe the Human Resources Section at that
12	time before the move well, before the move over to
13	the Administrative Section.
14	Q You mentioned that you have a position
15	within the State Troopers' Fraternal Association. Can
16	you just identify it for the record, please.
17	A I'm Elected President of the State Troopers'
18	Fraternal Association of New Jersey which represents
19	all troopers under the rank of Sergeant in the State
20	Police.
21	Q And when were you elected to that
22	particular position, sir?
23	A January 1st of 2012.
24	MR. HARKNESS: Very good. Also in
25	attendance, I'm going to go clockwise just for the

record, Trooper Burgos is sitting to my left and a 1 gentleman is sitting to his left. I am going to start 2 with the gentleman sitting next to him and will ask 3 everybody in a clockwise fashion to identify 4 themselves, state their full name, spell their last 5 name, their affiliation of what agency they are with 6 and their relevance here today, please. Sir, when 7 you're ready. 8 Michael Bukosky, MR. BUKOSKY: Yes. 9 10 B-u-k-o-s-k-y, on behalf of Officer Burgos. 11 MR. QUINOA: Manuel P. Quinoa, Q-u-i-n-o-a, Office of Law Enforcement Professional 12 Standards. 13 MR. RIZZO: Vincent J. Rizzo, Jr., Deputy 14 15 Attorney General, Division of Law. I am here on behalf of the State Police. 16 17 BY MR. HARKNESS: 18 19 0 Prior to going to -- prior to me turning 20 on the digital recorder, I presented Trooper Burgos with several documents for his review and his 21 22 attorney's review and whoever else in the room 23 requested to do so. At that time, sir, Trooper Burgos, did I present you with a New Jersey State Police Office 24 of Professional Standards Principal Acknowledgment Form 25

for investigation number 2012-0596? 1 Yes. 2 Α Do you have any questions about that, sir? 3 Q Α No. 4 MR. HARKNESS: Sir, do you have any 5 questions about the particular document? 6 MR. BUKOSKY: No. 7 BY MR. HARKNESS: 8 9 Thank you. I also produced 0 Very good. 10 or provided a document from the State of New Jersey 11 Division of Law and Public Safety, Division of Criminal 12 Justice dated February 7th, 2013. It identifies 13 Trooper Christopher Burgos, Badge 4276 as the principal 14 in this particular matter. The allegation of theft was 15 reviewed by the Division of Criminal Justice and a 16 Letter of Declination was produced by Dermot O'Grady 17 from Criminal Justice. 18 19 The only thing I want to put on record as well is the letter identifies the incorrect case 20 21 The case number, the incorrect case number is Our matter before us is 2012-0596. 22 2011-0361. 23 Sir, can you take a look at that 24 particular document and review it for yourself. Any 25 questions?

1	A No questions.
2	MR. HARKNESS: Sir, do you have any
3	questions?
4	MR. BUKOSKY: No.
5	BY MR. HARKNESS:
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7	Q Also provided for the record was a New
8	Jersey State Police Reportable Incident Form for case
9	number 2012-0596. The date in question is 10/18/2012.
10	That this particular report identifies the
11	allegation as it was received by OPS on October 18th,
12	2012. Trooper Burgos, can you take a look at the
13	document, please. Any questions?
14	A No questions.
15	MR. HARKNESS: Sir, do you have any
16	questions?
17	MR. BUKOSKY: No.
18	BY MR. HARKNESS:
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20	Q Also provided for the record was a New
21	Jersey State Police Office of Professional Standards
22	Material Witness Notification List for principals for
23	investigation number 2012-0596. Trooper Burgos,
24	please review that. Any questions, sir?
25	A No.

Sir, do you have any MR. HARKNESS: 1 questions? 2 MR. BUKOSKY: No. 3 BY MR. HARKNESS: 4 5 Also provided for the record was a 0 6 7 Weingarten Representative Acknowledgment Form. provided this to Mr. Bukosky. He reviewed it and he 8 also applied his signature and I applied mine as well. 9 Sir, can you please review that document? 10 11 MR. BUKOSKY: Yes. I reviewed it. MR. HARKNESS: Any questions? 12 MR. BUKOSKY: No. 13 MR. HARKNESS: For the record too, I 14 15 didn't indicate earlier, all those documents that allowed for signatures were signed by Trooper Burgos 16 and myself and the initials of his attorney were 17 18 applied as well. 19 BY MR. HARKNESS: 20 Trooper Burgos, according to the rules and 21 Q 22 regulations and in a particular SOP B-10 Section 11, 23 Subsection D, all members of the Division of the State 24 Police are obligated to answer questions and provide full and complete information to investigating 25

Less than complete candor during any 1 officers. statement may lead to serious disciplinary sanctions 2 which may include suspension and/or termination. 3 you understand the statement? 4 5 Yes. MR. HARKNESS: This investigation stems 6 from the unauthorized release of information more 7 8 specifically the OPS Supervisory Review Sheets 9 pertaining to Internal Investigation number 2009-0354. 10 A witness in this investigation, the Internal Investigation, 2012-0596, identifies Vincent Nuzzi, 11 12 Esq, identified you on December 4th, 2012, as the person who ultimately provided the documents in 13 Mr. Nuzzi also led, you received the 14 question to him. 15 documents from Katherine Hartman, Esq. on August 16th, 2012, after she received them from an OPS member. 16 17 Is anybody else electronically recording this interview? 18 19 MR. BUKOSKY: No. 20 MR. QUINOA: No. 21 MR. RIZZO: No. 22 MR. BURGOS: No. 23 MR. HARKNESS: I will indicate that this 24 is a little unusual to have a court stenographer here, but in this case it's been put in place. At this time, 25

I want to identify the allegations in question. The first allegation in question is failure to notify Division and/or supervision of information which the Division takes cognizance. If proven true, this would be a violation of Article V, Section Eight of the rules and regulations of the Division which reads, "A member shall communicate promptly through the Division chain of command all crimes, breaches of peace, suicide, attempted suicide, fires, accidents, complaints, misconduct or other information which the Division takes cognizance that may come to the member's attention during the performance of such member's duty. A member shall not withhold any information on matters for any reason". That's allegation number one.

Allegation number two falls within the rules and regulations titled conflicts of interest.

This will be regarding unauthorized release of information that we discussed or that's been introduced thus far. According to Article 13, Section 19, four sections apply A, B, C and D. A member -- according to A, Section A, "Will not willfully disclose to any person whether or not for pecuniary gain any information not generally available to members of the public which such member receives or acquires in the course of and by reason of official duty unless

specifically authorized by competent Division 1 authority". 2 B. "Treat as confidential unless the 3 contrary is specifically authorized by competent 4 Division authority, any matters or information which 5 pertain to the Division, its operations, 6 investigations, or internal procedures". 7 "Not disseminate, distribute or supply 8 to any unauthorized member or any other person an 9 original copy or abstract of any Division document 10 unless specifically authorized by competent Division 11 authority". 12 And D. "Release such information which 13 pertains to Division as may from time to time be 14 15 authorized by competent Division authority to any 16 person or to the news media upon request. contained herein shall be construed as denying to the 17 18 public information they have a right to obtain from the 19 Division pursuant to law." 20 Any questions about that from anybody in 21 the room? 22 MR. BURGOS: No. 23 MR. RIZZO: No questions. 24 MR. HARKNESS: Thank you. I just want to 25 put on the record, I provided Trooper Burgos prior to

me turning on the digital recording a chance to review 1 an E-Mail correspondence from Katherine Hartman. 2 was dated Thursday, August 16th, 2012, at 9:56 a.m. 3 There are three E-Mails in question. The one that's 4 relevant with this particular interview is to Chris 5 Burgos in parenthesis is (cburgos@stfa.org). 6 subject is a forward and it says, "The Freites 7 extension". So I am just going to ask you for the 8 record if you can just read the contents of that 9 particular document into the record, please. 10 MR. BUKOSKY: I'm going to object to that 11 being read in the record. We would understand that 12 communication to be protected under the attorney-client 13 privilege. 14 15 MR. HARKNESS: Very good. 16 BY MR. HARKNESS: 17 18 0 Sir, I also provided you with State of New 19 Jersey Office of Administrative Law Order of Extension. 20 This is a photocopy of OAL Docket Number POLO1779-12S just for your review. Did I allow you to do that 21 22 beforehand? You did. 23 Α Yes. 24 Q Any questions? 25 Α No.

Sir, would you like to take MR. HARKNESS: 1 2 another look at that? MR. BUKOSKY: No. I've seen it. Thank 3 4 you. BY MR. HARKNESS: 5 6 0 Very good. Also for the record, I 7 8 allowed Trooper Burgos to review an eight-page document, a New Jersey State Police Internal 9 10 Investigation Review Sheet for case number 2009-0354. Again, there are some redactions. I didn't redact the 11 12 whole entire document for -- it would have covered essentially most of the document to do so. I wanted 13 Trooper Burgos to at least be able to review it and 14 identify it for the record. Did you identify that 15 document? 16 17 Α Yes. 18 At this time, if there are no 0 Very good. questions of me, I am going to turn the floor over to 19 20 Trooper Burgos. I am going to ask him to provide me with a statement regarding his entire knowledge of this 21 matter and describe and explain all your specific 22 actions taken regarding this particular unauthorized 23 24 release of information and the pertinence to this 25 particular E-Mail that I identified from Katherine

Hartman that you received on Thursday, August 16, 2012, 1 So take a moment and composure your thoughts. 2 I am looking from the A to Z for this. Everything that 3 you can recall from the time you woke up that day on 4 August 16th to every action you took and then anything 5 after that that is relevant to this matter. 6 asking you to do so when you get a chance, sir. When 7 8 you're ready. August 16th, 2012, without anything to review as 9 to my activities that day, I couldn't even tell you 10 what occurred that day as far as where I was or what my 11 12 obligations were. But it was a weekday so I was doing association business in some fashion and the E-Mail 13 that you have was from my STFA legal defense assistance 14 plan attorneys who I have an agreement with to 15 represent members of STFA. I reviewed same E-Mail as 16 sort of routine discovery for another matter and I 17 18 forwarded information to Vincent Nuzzi who is also an 19 STFA attorney that represents members of our 20 association. 21 0 Anything else, sir? 22 Α No. 23 For the record, what I'd like to do then, if it is okay with you, I am going to resort to a question and answer. If that's okay. 25 Some things you

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Many you didn't. Is that okay? kind of touched on. 1 MR. BUKOSKY: That's up to you. 2 MR. HARKNESS: Okay. We'll continue on. 3 4 BY MR. HARKNESS: 5 Trooper Burgos, can you please describe 0 6 your role as STFA President? 7 The role of the STFA President, the State 8 Troopers' Fraternal Association is to recognize the 9 Collective Bargaining Group for all troopers under the 10 rank of Sergeant. We incorporated in October, October 11 28th of 1963, and we have been up to the present the 12 recognized Collective Bargaining Group for all troopers 13 under the rank of Sergeant. We represent members in 14 15 negotiations and all other contractural management 16 labor issues that affects our member's terms and 17 conditions of employment. And I have been in that role 18 as Elected President since January 1st, 2012, to the 19 present. 20 In my 27 -- almost 27 years with the Division, I 21 have held the positions of Station Representative 22 from -- going back to 1988 and I was Elected Officer to 23 the STFA from 1999 to the present holding various 24 positions, Sergeant at Arms, Vice President for Legislation and Grievances, Second Vice President, 25

First Vice President for the past nine plus years 1 before being Elected President. 2 BY MR. HARKNESS: 3 4 Okay. Sir, what are your primary duties, 5 0 can you identify them for the record, in that role? 6 7 Α I am detached to the Administrative Section at this time to conduct association business day-to-day as 8 it presents itself and we work in relationship with the 9 Office of Labor Relations at Division Headquarters on a 10 regular basis on matters involving terms and conditions 11 of employment for troopers. 12 Are your duties that you discussed, are 13 0 they enumerated in any particular document? 14 15 In the STFA contract as far as the language 16 regarding the President, First Vice President that we 17 are to give priority to our day jobs and we are, with 18 the permission of the Superintendent, to conduct our 19 duties uninterrupted, to conduct association business 20 properly and upon emergencies there is a recall provision in there but other than that, we do conduct 21 22 our business as we see fit and we do also -- I maintain 23 the in-service training weapons, qualifications and all their in-service requirements that are required of an 24 25 enlisted trooper.

That sounds like a description of Okay. 1 how the Division recognizes your job? 2 Yes. 3 Α Do you have another document that actually 4 describes your duties? 5 Α No. I do not. 6 And the union has nothing like that on 7 file that you're aware of, right? 8 Well, let me just say, we have a 9 Α No. 10 constitution and bylaws that we have in effect. That's part of our incorporation papers and that describes the 11 duties of the -- each officer or representative and 12 such. So there is a document that exists. 13 Is that a document I can get for this Q 14 particular internal investigation? 15 Sure. 16 17 0 Okay. Thank you. You mentioned that you 18 have been with the Division 27 years. I just wasn't 19 sure about the total numbers of years you have been 20 with the STFA. I know you started as a Station Rep. Can you identify the amount of years you've actually 21 been involved with STFA. 22 Well, from the time I graduated the academy June 23 24 19th, 1986, a member in good standing, dues paying 25 member from that date forward in its entirety. And I

became a Station Representative of the Bloomfield 1 Station about two years into my service with the 2 Division as the Bloomfield Station Rep. Then I became 3 the Troop Rep for the Parkway in addition to being the 4 Station Rep. And then up to that point, 1999, I became 5 Sergeant at Arms with the STFA and then the other 6 positions that I noted up until the present. 7 Can you just run through from Sergeant at 8 Arms, and again I am putting you on the spot with a lot 9 of history, but if you can do it just for the record 10 I'd appreciate that. 11 That's okay. From 1999 to mid 2000, Sergeant at 12 13 Arms. And then in 2001 I was moved into the position 14 of First Vice President for a short period of time. 15 Then I then took over the duties of the Vice 16 17 President for Legislation and Grievances and at that 18 time I was in that position for several years handling more discipline effecting our members be it reprimands, 19 20 summary disciplinary hearings, general disciplinary hearings and working with our association attorneys on 21 all those cases for a number of years. 22 There were approximately, from my recollection, 23 24 over 400 pending grievances at that time that we worked 25 on getting resolutions to.

Then after that position, I held the position of 1 Second Vice President for a period of time. 2 And then approximately 10 years ago I was 3 elected into the position of First Vice President for 4 the STFA and I held that position continuously up until 5 January 1st, 2012. I believe that covers the entire 6 timeframe. 7 So 25 years of experience? 8 Yes. 9 Α Very good. Thank you. 10 As STFA Q President, are you involved in pending OPS matters 11 pertaining to the STFA members and if you can you 12 explain how? 13 I am. All communications from the 14 Yes. Colonel's Office, from this Office of Professional 15 16 Standards, more specifically with the Adjudication Unit 17 and dealing with our members in regard to any pending 18 matters whether it be requesting Weingarten 19 representation for impending internal interviews as 20 principals or witnesses and also dealing with discovery 21 for the proper representation of our members. 22 There is -- there was and is a conduit to make 23 sure that our members and our respective association 24 attorneys have full discovery for preparation of any negotiation or adjudication of any disciplinary matters 25

1	involving our members.
2	Q Are you personally involved in the
3	matters, I mean, as the President were you?
4	A Yes. I am.
5	Q How?
6	A In my role I have the authority to have
7	discussions with my association counsel and with the
8	members regarding these matters as they move through
9	the process.
10	Q Okay. Do you act as an advisor in some
11	way in any of these matters?
12	A I would say that in the capacity of my role is
13	to obtain the satisfactory outcome for all parties for
14	any pending matter that's mutually beneficial to all.
15	More specifically, for my member the to get the best
16	resolution possible for any matter that's out there.
17	Q So you're looking to represent the member
18	and their interest?
19	A Absolutely. Yes.
20	Q Do you personally represent troopers in
21	hearings?
22	A I have.
23	Q As the President, can you do that?
24	A Not in the capacity of the President, but in my
25	other roles as the other Vice President roles that I

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have had I represented members in hundreds of minor disciplinary hearings that would involve up to five-day suspension. I've also been a resource -- resource person in summary and general disciplinary hearing matters which we have -- the association counsel usually has the lead in those more serious matters. We also had -- we also have association counsel involved in minor disciplinary matters as well but there are situations that with minor or disciplinary hearing matters that we and I have handled what we call phase one hearings for members where we are the representative for that member up through the process and if we do get to a place where we need association counsel, of course we will request their services. I have done that role hundreds of times. Can you identify your staff by name and title if you recall at this time. My elected officers? Correct? Α My First Vice President is Trooper I Mike Zanyor. My Second Vice President is Acting Sergeant Daniel O'Brien. My Vice President for Legislation and Grievances is Trooper II Wayne Blanchard.

My Treasurer is Trooper I Frederick Hatrak. 1 My recording Secretary is Detective I Kenneth 2 3 Lutz. My Correspondence Secretary is Trooper II Steven 4 5 Kuhn. I have two Sergeants at Arms, Trooper William 6 Legg and Trooper Richard Monodragon. 7 I also have a Secretary of Resolutions Trooper 8 Daniel Olivera. That would make 10 officers and I 9 10 include myself. Thank you. Does the STFA Very good. 11 provide support and legal services to STFA members 12 during OPS proceedings, support services and/or legal 13 services? 14 15 Yes. Α Can you describe or explain. 16 17 MR. BUKOSKY: I'm going to object to that 18 I mean, the Attorney General's Guidelines indicates that any questions, and I'm quoting from 19 20 Section 11-43, "Any questions asked of officers during an internal investigation must be narrowly and directly 21 22 related to the performance of their duties". 23 goes on to indicate that, "Officers cannot be forced to 24 answer questions having little to do with their performance as law enforcement officers or questions 25

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unrelated to the investigation". We think the internal operations of the union and how that conducts itself has nothing to do with his performance of his duties and has little to do with this investigation. So I strongly object to those questions as violating your own internal affairs' policies and procedures of the Attorney General Guidelines.

That would probably have some MR. RIZZO: application except for the fact that he's claiming the attorney-client privilege as a result of his position with the union as the President protecting him from revealing sources or discussing things. So the fact that he is the President and hides behind it or uses it as an explanation for the actions he has taken, makes it to me a subject matter of the investigation in order to know what it is that he does to confirm that he has the role he claims he does or doesn't have, the role he claims he does. Because this is not, and I think you will agree with this, the typical internal investigation. So it's been raised to a totally different level by the attorney-client privilege assertion made by your member.

MR. BUKOSKY: We should, I think, ask questions about the investigation, not about the internal operations of the union.

MR. RIZZO: But it's the internal
operations of the union that he says cause him not to
be able to discuss these things behind which he says he
has an attorney-client privilege so they are central to
whether or not there is such a privilege and whether or
not in his activities he violated internal rules of the
State Police.
MR. BUKOSKY: I can't agree with the broad
scope of your characterization.
MR. RIZZO: Well, you put your objection
on the record, but I don't think you can stop the
Sergeant First Class Harkness from asking his
questions. Your objection is noted obviously. Go
ahead.
MR. HARKNESS: Continue?
MR. RIZZO: Yes.
MR. BURGOS: Can you repeat the question,
please.
MR. RIZZO: She can read it back for you
if you want to do that.
(At which time, the reporter reads back
the last question.)
A Yes.
BY MR. HARKNESS:
Q Can you describe and explain how and how

that occurs? 1 Well, we have agreements with many licensed 2 attorneys throughout the State to provide legal 3 services to our members in good standing if they do so 4 require same for any disciplinary matter involving 5 their duties as a State Trooper and we make 6 7 arrangements for those services to be provided and with the client -- the trooper and the STFA is the client 8 9 with the respective counsel that we have an agreement with. 10 Okay. Does the STFA hire, I don't know 0 11 the correct legal term, hire or contract with a list of 12 13 attorneys? We have agreements with respective attorneys 14 that we work with and yes, we do. We do have that 15 understanding and we do pay the legal fees for those 16 17 services for those members. 18 Is it -- is the list of attorneys pretty 19 much the same people? Is it a standard list or do you 20 just reach out and hire anybody off the streets? 21 Α That's an internal process that's entirely 22 within the scope of my authority of my executive board. 23 Okay. That leads me to my next question. 24 How are you involved in that process? My role --25

Specifically how are you involved? 0 1 To have direct contact with those attorneys with 2 Α the respective clients and to give them the ability to 3 properly represent the member through the agreements 4 that we have with them. 5 Do you act as a conduit or go-between the 6 0 trooper and/or his attorney? 7 That is a role that I play. Yes. 8 And describe what you have done in the 9 Just give us several examples if you can recall. 10 Any member that has any either pending 11 12 disciplinary matter or matter that has now been decided upon to be discipline in nature that the members are 13 aware that as members in good standing that there is a 14 15 plan in place that upon request from that member we 16 will make a determination as to the eligibility to have legal services provided to that member through our 17 18 legal plan, the STFA legal plan. 19 Throughout your STFA tenure, did Okay. 20 you ever sign a confidentiality agreement with the Division? 21 22 No. I did not. 23 Did you ever sign a confidentiality 0 agreement as -- with OPS in any title that you held in 24 25 the past?

1	A No. I did not.
2	Q As part of your union duties as President,
3	is confidential OPS information routinely disclosed to
4	you?
5	A The term confidential I would classify as
6	discovery for disciplinary matters. I see that as
7	discovery as far as there is nothing that said
8	confidential that I'm aware of on any documents that
9	I've dealt with.
10	Q Do you consider OPS information to be
11	confidential, I guess, that's a pretty
12	A I would agree that yes, it is confidential
13	within the scope of working with counsel and the
14	affected member. Yes. That is correct.
15	Q Does the union have a written policy
16	regarding maintaining confidentiality with OPS
17	information it receives?
18	A We have an understanding with the Division of
19	the sharing of discovery with respective members and
20	the STFA attorneys.
21	Q You say it's an understanding. Is that in
22	writing anywhere?
23	A I do not have anything in writing.
24	Q Are you aware of that with any of your
25	experience having a written document along those lines?

I do not have that. No. Α 1 What instructions regarding OPS 2 confidentiality, I am speaking to you as the President, 3 are disseminated to the union officers and station 4 representatives regarding OPS confidentiality? 5 Specifically, what instructions do they -- do you 6 disseminate or your officers? 7 That any discovery for any pending matter is 8 specifically for that member as the client, the 9 association counsel and myself and any officer that I 10 11 deem necessary to be a resource person for those 12 matters. I guess what I am trying to do is, I'm 13 trying to dial down on say the average, I don't want to 14 use that word, but the average trooper who is 15 16 representing another trooper in an OPS matter as a 17 station rep, what directions do they receive? What 18 understanding are they expected to adhere to? Is there anything in writing? 19 20 Α My station representatives would not deal in any handling of any documents. 21 But as far as the interviews, sitting in 22 the interview, I noted that they do take reports. 23 do they do with those reports? 24 25 You're regarding to the role as the Weingartner

representative under the Weingartner rule? 1 2 0 Correct. But the notes that are taken that are to 3 Α be kept in confidence within the association office and 4 only to be used for further review or needed at a later 5 time relevant to that matter only. 6 Okay. Are you aware if you're bound by 7 Q SOP to consider confidentiality, OPS confidentiality? 8 9 That's a matter of course that documents that are internal in nature for the use of the Division 10 and/or the processes that we work with, obviously I am 11 12 not going to divulge that to the public for whatever reason I deem. That's not my decision to make it 13 public. We did deal with it within the confines of our 14 counsel and the affected members. 15 16 Are you ever in receipt of any legal memos 17 from OPS? 18 I believe I've seen memorandums as part of 19 discovery packages. 20 Can you identify what you have seen 21 regarding that line? 22 Many many times as part of discovery for 23 disciplinary hearings for preparation, there have been 24 memos included in discovery packages many times. 25 Q Can you identify your Division E-Mail

1	address for the record, please.
2	A LPP4276hewnjsp.org.
3	Q Okay. And your STFA E-Mail?
4	A Cburgos@stfa.org. And I also have
5	President@stfa.org.
6	Q Okay. What is it again, I'm sorry?
7	A President@stfa.org.
8	Q Can you identify out of those E-Mails
9	which ones you use for STFA business.
10	A Only the STFA E-Mails. I do not use the
11	group-wide E-Mail for any association business.
12	Q For the record, can you explain your
13	relationship with Vincent Nuzzi, Esq., please.
14	A He is an authorized STFA legal defense
15	assistance plan attorney.
16	Q And when did you first become to know him
17	or interact with him?
18	A I would say at least over a dozen plus years
19	going back to at least 2000.
20	Q Okay. 2000. Did he represent you on
21	August 16th, 2012? You, not the union, on August 16th,
22	2012, that's the date of this particular E-Mail?
23	A He did not represent me personally. Is that the
24	question?
25	Q Yes.

1	A He is not my personal attorney at that time. He
2	was the STFA attorney assigned to a client and I'm the
3	client also.
4	Q You're the client of what?
5	A I'm the client as the STFA President with
6	Counsel Nuzzi in addition with the client trooper.
7	Q Has he ever represented you in any past
8	cases personal or State Police business?
9	A No.
10	Q Can you explain your relationship with
11	Katherine Hartman, Esq.
12	A She's also an authorized STFA legal defense
13	assistance plan attorney.
14	Q Do you recall the date when you first met
15	her or interacted with her?
16	A It would be the same going back to at least
17	2000.
18	Q Did she represent you on August 16th,
19	2012?
20	A No. She was representing one of my members.
21	And as I said, with Counsel Nuzzi she has a
22	trooper/client and I'm also the client as the President
23	of the STFA for and with her firm.
24	Q Did she ever represent you personally or
25	professionally?

1	A No.
2	Q Can you explain in detail your
3	relationship with Lieutenant Dan Fisher, Badge 5150.
4	A Specifically at what point in time?
5	Q Identify, I guess, let's go way back from
6	when you first met him.
7	A I believe going back to the year 2000 or so,
8	best I can recall that, through the interactions with
9	the Office of Professional Standards and dealing with
10	pending disciplinary matters, and his role more or less
11	was to put a package together for any member's
12	disciplinary matter that would be shared with the
13	affected trooper and with us to prepare a defense or
14	negotiated settlement.
15	Q Do you consider yourself a personal friend
16	of Lieutenant Fisher? First of all, identify my
17	version. Say do you go to dinner or drinks or you
18	socialize after work?
19	A No.
20	Q And you only met him in his duties as an
21	OPS member; is that correct?
22	A Yes.
23	Q Did you know him say when you were on the
24	road together or anything like that in Troop B?
25	A No.

1	Q This particular E-Mail I showed you
2	earlier, the one from August 16th, 2012, at 9:56 a.m.,
3	did you receive that E-Mail from Katherine Hartman on
4	that particular date?
5	A Best I can recall that would be the same date.
6	Q You identified that as your particular
7	E-Mail in the CC?
8	A Yes.
9	Q Can you just state it for the record.
10	A Cburgos@stfa.org.
11	Q For the record, I am going to read this
12	E-Mail into the record. "One, the document doesn't
13	relate to Louis at all. Second, is an order granting a
14	45 extension to the Colonel for his decision. This
15	system isn't rigged much, is it. Take care. Katy".
16	It's signed by Katherine D. Hartman, Esq., attorneys
17	Hartman, Charter.
18	MR. BUKOSKY: I just want to for the
19	record, I object to him reading that into the
20	statement. That's a confidential attorney-client
21	privilege communication. The fact that he just read it
22	into the record does not destroy the privilege. We
23	understand that to be protected communication.
24	MR. RIZZO: Okay. That's fine.
25	BY MR. HARKNESS:

1	Q Sir, did you receive this particular
2	E-Mail in response to something you sent to her?
3	MR. BUKOSKY: It is my continuing
4	objection.
5	BY MR. HARKNESS:
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7	Q Was this
8	MR. RIZZO: You can ask the question. He
9	is just putting it on the record to preserve.
10	MR. HARKNESS: Is he obligated to answer
11	or no?
12	MR. BUKOSKY: Are you ordering him to
13	answer?
14	MR. RIZZO: Yes.
15	A I don't know if that was a request or not.
16	Q Okay. Did you receive this E-Mail in
17	response to something you sent to Katherine Hartman?
18	A I don't know. It could be. I'm not sure.
19	BY MR. HARKNESS:
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21	Q Okay. So you're not sure if it was
22	spontaneous that you received it?
23	A It may have been. I'm not sure if it was
24	something that I asked for or she sent to me. I don't
25	know that at this time.

1	Q Okay. I already put the E-Mail on the
2	record. So what I'd like to introduce now are the two
3	attachments that were with that particular E-Mail. I
4	introduced them earlier so I am not going to do it
5	again.
6	This particular Order of Extension, it is
7	identified or in the interest of Detective II Louie
8	Freites, his Badge 6352. Did that particular matter
9	involve you as the STFA President?
10	A Yes.
11	Q How?
12	A It was a pending disciplinary matter that
13	what that document shows is that there was additional
14	time requested by the Superintendent to give a final
15	determination on a recommendation from the Office of
16	Administrative Law for the Superintendent to have more
17	time to come up with a final decision on the
18	Detective's disciplinary matter.
19	Q Okay. Was that unusual for you to
20	receive this type of document from Katherine Hartman or
21	any other union attorney?
22	A No. Not at all.
23	Q This particular document?
24	A Correct.
25	Q Okay. The second is the eight-page

1	attachment I put on the record earlier. I am not going
2	to repeat it. It is the review sheets just for
3	clarification. Did this particular matter involve you
4	in any way as the STFA President?
5	A Yes.
6	Q How?
7	A It involves Trooper Juckett who was one of my
8	STFA members being represented by counsel in a pending
9	disciplinary matter.
10	Q Okay. And what was your actual
11	involvement beyond generic? What did you do in this
12	particular case?
13	A I saw there was additional discovery that Mr.
14	Nuzzi had been requesting and forwarded same to him for
15	his use.
16	Q In this particular matter or either matter
17	that we have put on the record, were you involved as
18	say as a principal and/or a witness in either matter?
19	A No.
20	Q In either of these two particular
21	investigations?
22	A No.
23	Q Were you expecting to receive this
24	particular E-Mail from Katherine Hartman?
25	A That's a hard question to answer because when

1	dealing with counsel there is things that am I
2	expecting something?
3	Q This one in particular? This one in
4	particular with these two documents, were you expecting
5	to receive this from Katherine Hartman on that
6	particular date?
7	A I wouldn't recall that that be the case, but I
8	don't recall if I was expecting that or not.
9	Q Did you did any person enlisted and/or
10	civilian advise you this E-Mail was being forwarded to
11	you with these particular documents?
12	A No.
13	Q Did you receive any telephone calls about
14	that particular E-Mail prior to receiving it from
15	anybody?
16	A No.
17	Q Did you receive a phone call from
18	Lieutenant Fisher about that particular E-Mail and
19	these two documents?
20	A No.
21	Q Did you receive a phone call from any
22	other OPS member about that particular E-Mail and those
23	two documents prior to receiving it on the 16th of
24	August?
25	A No.

1	Q Are you sure?
2	A Best I can recall.
3	Q Okay.
4	A I don't believe so.
5	Q I'm going to turn your attention to the
6	review sheets. Did you believe that the review sheets
7	attachment was sent out by Lieutenant Fisher by
8	mistake?
9	A What I know now or at that time?
10	Q At that time?
11	A A mistake by sending it to Katherine Hartman,
12	yes.
13	Q How? How would that be a mistake?
14	A Because she doesn't represent my member in this
15	case.
16	Q Okay. Can you identify
17	A My member Trooper Juckett. Mr. Nuzzi represents
18	Trooper Juckett in this matter.
19	Q Are you aware of any other members in this
20	particular case and who their representative is as
21	well?
22	A As far as Sergeant Wambold would be Mr. Charles
23	Sciarra. He's the noncommissioned officer's counsel
24	for Sergeant Wambold.
25	Q Sir, you indicated before that you

1	destroyed everything once I gave it to them. I don't
2	know if that's the case or not or how they retain them.
3	I have no idea.
4	Q Just again I will ask you one more time,
5	can you identify for the record the last case, the most
6	recent case that you received this particular document
7	as part of a discovery package?
8	A I can't give you a specific case. There's too
9	many. There's too many cases.
10	Q Okay. How often do you communicate with
11	Katherine Hartman through E-Mail? How often? Is it a
12	daily occurrence?
13	MR. BUKOSKY: Objection. That's a
14	privileged communication, the amount.
15	MR. RIZZO: All he's asking is the amount.
16	He is not asking for the content of anything.
17	MR. BUKOSKY: That discloses the degree of
18	their relationship. I object. If you are ordering him
19	to answer, you can order him. But we understand that
20	to be a privileged communication.
21	MR. RIZZO: He is ordered to answer.
22	A Often.
23	BY MR. HARKNESS:
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25	Q Often as in daily?

1	A Possibly.
2	Q Okay. I have a follow-up question on the
3	prior line of questioning. In any of the disciplinary
4	matters against troopers, are you also named as a party
5	as the President of the STFA?
6	MR. BUKOSKY: I'm going to object to that
7	question. I don't understand it. I don't know if the
8	witness does.
9	MR. RIZZO: It doesn't matter if you
10	understand.
11	MR. BUKOSKY: Well, it's not clear.
12	BY MR. HARKNESS:
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14	Q I will reread it. In any of these
15	disciplinary matters against troopers, are you also
16	are you also named as a party as the President of the
17	STFA?
18	A I am not named as a party, the STFA itself or
19	myself individually.
20	Q As the President?
21	A No. I am not being charged with anything in
22	these cases. I am representative of the member.
23	Q Is the STFA named as a party in the
24	disciplinary action?
25	A On each individual one?

Q Yes. 1 The answer would be no. 2 3 Q In her message Katherine Hartman indicated, again you can keep it for your review if you 4 want, in her message Katherine Hartman indicated one of 5 the attached documents didn't relate to her client but 6 7 she still forwarded both to you. When you received the OPS Supervisory Review Sheets, why didn't you 8 immediately notify OPS and return them to Lieutenant 9 Fisher especially since you represent you received them 10 as a result of Lieutenant Fisher's mistake? 11 I don't see that as my responsibility. My 12 responsibility is to represent the member with proper 13 discovery. That was my understanding that this was 14 15 additional discovery. I am not to be calling this office in that regard. I don't see that as an 16 17 obligation of mine. It was additional discovery that was requested for this matter and I saw that we had 18 received it. Even though it went to a different 19 20 attorney, I got it to the right attorney. 21 Were you aware of the review sheets did Q 22 not concern the Freites' OAL case? 23 Α Yes. You did read them? 24 25 Α I reviewed it.

1	Q Do you recall the first time you saw a New
2	Jersey State Police Internal Investigation Review
3	Sheet, the first time over your 25 years of being
4	involved in the STFA?
5	A That's going back to the time I was handling
6	these matters over a dozen years ago.
7	Q Okay. Had you had any discussions with
8	anyone regarding receiving this particular review sheet
9	with anyone?
10	A No.
11	Q Any OPS member?
12	A No.
13	Q Any STFA member?
14	A No.
15	Q Any union attorney?
16	A Yes.
17	Q And who would that be?
18	A Hartman and Nuzzi.
19	Q Okay. Prior to receiving that document
20	through Ms. Hartman, were you aware if Vincent Nuzzi
21	desired to have the review sheets for any specific
22	investigation including this one?
23	A In the context of full discovery, yes, he had
24	made numerous requests through DAG Victor DiFrancesco
25	for additional discovery.

1	Q Did he specifically identify these sheets
2	as discovery he desired, these in particular?
3	A Described as any and all documents pertaining to
4	the matter, and that would include anything as we are
5	talking about here, this review sheet, yes, that's part
6	of any and all documents.
7	Q So you're aware that he specifically
8	desired to have these particular review sheets in his
9	custody; is that correct?
10	A Absolutely. Yes.
11	Q Before you received them?
12	A Yes.
13	Q And when was that? When did you have that
14	conversation?
15	A It was at some point before the receipt of
16	these, there was an ongoing dialogue with Mr. Nuzzi and
17	Mr. DiFrancesco on getting full discovery and
18	additional documents.
19	Q And what person identified these as being
20	relevant full discovery that would be released? What
21	person in that three-person conversation?
22	A I don't know. I don't know.
23	Q In other words, who brought it up?
24	A You have to ask Mr. Nuzzi or Mr. DiFrancesco in
25	regard to that because there was ongoing communications

1	between them, I believe there still are, regarding full
2	discovery on this matter. I believe you have the
3	State has a certification from Mr. Nuzzi to that
4	effect.
5	Q After you received this particular
6	document on the 16th, August 2012, did you speak with
7	Mr. Nuzzi prior to forwarding the review sheets to him?
8	A No.
9	Q You didn't call him?
10	A No.
11	Q Did you call anybody else?
12	A No.
13	Q Did you speak to anybody else in the
14	office?
15	A No.
16	Q Why did you forward the review sheets to
17	Mr. Nuzzi in this particular matter, this particular
18	document?
19	A It was additional discovery that had been
20	requested by Mr. Nuzzi through Mr. DiFrancesco, routine
21	discovery that we always requested.
22	Q After you sent these documents to Mr.
23	Nuzzi, did you have a conversation with him? Did you
24	discuss the fact that you had these and where you got
25	them and so on and so forth?

1	A At some point, yes.
2	Q And when was that?
3	A I can't remember at this time. It's going back
4	over
5	Q Did you call him right after we'll get
6	to it. I'll back up. What did you say to him when you
7	spoke to him?
8	MR. BUKOSKY: Objection. That's
9	attorney-client privilege.
10	MR. RIZZO: That's okay.
11	BY MR. HARKNESS:
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13	Q When you indicated to Mr. Nuzzi when you
14	spoke to him, did he request these from you or did you
15	offer them up to him without a request?
16	A They were sent to him as I explained earlier.
17	Q How did you forward the documents to him?
18	A Via E-Mail.
19	Q Which E-Mail address was that?
20	A Whose E-Mail?
21	Q Yours? Which one did you use?
22	A My STFA E-mail.
23	Q Which one?
24	A Cburgos@stfa.org.
25	Q Do you know when you did that? Do you

1	recall when you did that? If this was at 9:56 a.m.,
2	when did you forward them to him?
3	A I believe that day, that same day.
4	Q Do you recall what timeframe?
5	A I don't know. I can't recall.
6	Q Did you forward these the review sheets
7	to anyone else besides Mr. Nuzzi?
8	A No.
9	Q No one else?
10	A No.
11	Q Did you discuss the review sheets with
12	anyone either before or after contacting Mr. Nuzzi
13	about the review sheets? Did you discuss them with
14	anybody else?
15	A No.
16	Q No?
17	A No.
18	Q In your E-Mail account, is this particular
19	E-Mail still archived in your STFA E-Mail at this time?
20	A I'm not sure.
21	Q Did you delete this E-Mail, the E-Mail?
22	A I don't know.
23	Q You don't know?
24	A I don't know at this time. No.
25	Q Are either attachment archived in your

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1	E-Mail or in any STFA computer as we speak?
2	A It may be.
3	Q The extension may be?
4	A Yes. It may be.
5	Q And the review sheets may be?
6	A Correct.
7	Q What computer would they be on possibly?
8	A My STFA computer at my office.
9	Q Is that a laptop or a
10	A It's a desk computer.
11	Q A desk computer. At any time did you
12	you're saying you didn't delete the E-Mails then?
13	A I don't recall if that was the case or not. I
14	have thousands of E-Mails.
15	Q For the investigation, can you reproduce
16	the E-Mail for this particular matter?
17	MR. BUKOSKY: You're asking for us to
18	supply it?
19	MR. HARKNESS: Correct.
20	MR. BURGOS: It's an attorney-client
21	communication.
22	MR. HARKNESS: Correct. Reproduce it and
23	then provide it.
24	MR. BUKOSKY: Well, we understand it to be
25	an attorney-client communication that's privileged. He

1	indicated that he sent it to Mr. Nuzzi. What he said
2	and how he said it is privileged.
3	MR. RIZZO: So you're refusing to provide
4	it?
5	MR. BUKOSKY: If he is being ordered to
6	provide it, he will comply with any order.
7	MR. RIZZO: Then he will be ordered to
8	provide it.
9	MR. BUKOSKY: Okay.
10	MR. HARKNESS: The entire E-Mail chain
11	that's associated with this particular matter.
12	MR. BUKOSKY: We object but if he is
13	ordered, he's going to comply with the order.
14	MR. RIZZO: That's fine. Your objection
15	is being preserved on the record but he is being
16	ordered to produce it as part of the OPS internal
17	investigation.
18	MR. BUKOSKY: If he can. If he can.
19	BY MR. HARKNESS:
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21	Q Again staying on these documents, in
22	particular this document, the review sheets, are there
23	copies of those review sheets in existence anywhere
24	else besides your computer and to whoever you forwarded
25	them to? Are they in existence anywhere else other

1	than a file? Were they forwarded to anybody?
2	A Maybe I would think they would be in the in
3	my file, the defense file for this case in my office.
4	Q Is that a separate file or is that case
5	specific?
6	A Case specific.
7	Q Just a little follow-up, a little
8	clarification. You discussed the issue of routine
9	discovery and this document in particular being an
10	expected part of that routine discovery. What do you
11	mean by routine discovery? I guess we need your
12	definition what you mean by that.
13	A Any and all documents pertaining to a matter
14	representing my member in a disciplinary action. I
15	don't see any communications relevant to my member's
16	discipline as being not part of discovery. That's why
17	I request it.
18	Q Do you know if Mr. Nuzzi, to your
19	knowledge, ever specifically requested supervisory
20	review sheets from Victor DiFrancesco?
21	A I don't know that.
22	Q You don't know?
23	A No.
24	Q Did you ever see a letter from Mr. Nuzzi
25	to Mr. DiFrancesco requesting supervisory review

1	sheets, a letter? Did you ever see a letter related to
2	that?
3	A I don't know.
4	Q At any time did you forward the review
5	sheets to Mr. Charles Sciarra, Esq.?
6	A Yes. I did.
7	Q How did you do that?
8	A Via E-Mail.
9	Q And when did you do that?
10	A I believe that same day.
11	Q Again, do you recall a time? This was
12	9:56 a.m. in the morning.
13	A At some time that day.
14	Q Did you send them to Mr. Nuzzi first or
15	Mr. Sciarra first? Do you recall?
16	A I believe Mr. Nuzzi and then Mr. Sciarra.
17	Q And why was that? Was there any
18	particular reason why it was in that order?
19	A No. Well, Mr. Nuzzi is the attorney for my
20	member and Mr. Sciarra is the attorney for Sergeant
21	Wambold.
22	Q Why did you send them to Mr. Sciarra?
23	A He had made requests for additional discovery
24	also and I was aware of that.
25	Q Do you know if Mr. Sciarra specifically

1	requested the review sheets in that particular matter,
2	09354?
3	A I don't know that.
4	Q You don't know. Did you have a
5	conversation with him where he said he knew about these
6	and wanted them for his case?
7	A No.
8	Q Did you have a conversation with him where
9	he told you to expect these, you would receive them and
10	to expect to receive them?
11	A No.
12	Q Okay. Was Mr. Sciarra representing you
13	personally at the time you forwarded the review sheets
14	to him?
15	A No.
16	Q Had he ever represented you in any
17	personal or professional matter?
18	A Yes.
19	Q Can you identify?
20	A They were matters against the STFA and he
21	represented myself and the STFA.
22	Q Can you tell me how recent that was?
23	A It goes back a couple years.
24	Q So 2010?
25	A I don't know exactly.
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1	Q But since that time he hasn't specifically
2	represented you?
3	A No.
4	Q And you were not a witness or a principal
5	in this particular matter 2009-0354?
6	A No. I was not.
7	Q You were not officially involved in it in
8	any way?
9	A No.
10	Q Regarding specifically these review
11	sheets, did you ever agree to speak to any members of
12	the press about the content of those review sheets?
13	A No.
14	Q Did you ever agree to speak off the record
15	to any members of the press regarding these specific
16	review sheets?
17	A No.
18	Q Are you aware if any State Police enlisted
19	member ever spoke to any member of the press about
20	these enlisted review sheets?
21	A No.
22	Q Did you print, reproduce, file or store
23	the review sheets anywhere we have not discussed? It
24	doesn't matter what format it's in.
25	A No.

1	Q You haven't saved it to a disc or hard
2	drive or thumb drive or anything like that?
3	A No.
4	Q Is a copy available say off State Police
5	grounds say at your personal residence or anything like
6	that?
7	A No.
8	Q At any time did you print the review
9	sheets and copy them?
10	A For my legal defense file at my office which I
11	stated earlier.
12	Q And how many times did you copy the review
13	sheets?
14	A Just one copy.
15	Q One copy. Did any of your other STFA
16	board members review these sheets?
17	A Possibly Mike Zanyor as my First Vice President
18	because he is my legal defense plan administrator.
19	Q That was his only involvement?
20	A That's his role. Yes.
21	Q Did he get involved in distributing these
22	out to anybody either?
23	A No.
24	Q So it is just yourself and your Vice
25	President?

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1	A Yes.
2	Q Anybody else?
3	A Nope.
4	Q Were there any other troopers in, I'll
5	call it the station, in the office at the time you
6	received this?
7	A No.
8	Q That you can recall?
9	A No.
10	Q Do you have a sign-in sheet at the office?
11	A No.
12	Q Do you keep records of who visits?
13	A No.
14	Q Did you forward the review sheets in any
15	manner to any other person that we have not yet
16	discussed?
17	A No.
18	Q Did you discuss the review sheets with
19	anybody else that we have not yet discussed, anybody at
20	all in the Division?
21	A No.
22	Q Anybody who is a civilian and not employed
23	by the Division?
24	A No.
25	Q Did you desire to harm the NJSP by

1	forwarding the documents in any manner?
2	A No.
3	Q Did you think that forwarding the
4	documents may, in fact, harm the NJSP in any fashion?
5	A I didn't have that opinion. I was working with
6	counsel to appropriately defend my member with proper
7	discovery.
8	Q Were you advised by any other member to do
9	so? In other words, forward the documents because, in
10	fact, it may harm the NJSP?
11	A No.
12	Q Did any member caution you not to forward
13	the documents?
14	A That conversation did not occur.
15	Q What conversation?
16	A There was no conversation to that effect.
17	Q At any time did you contact Lieutenant
18	Fisher or any other member of AIPU here at OPS or any
19	other OPS member about these review sheets?
20	A No.
21	Q Did you have any follow-up conversation
22	through people to Lieutenant Fisher?
23	A No. I don't talk to Lieutenant Fisher anymore.
24	Q Okay.
25	A I haven't talked to him in a very long time.

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1	Q And why is that?
2	A I don't trust anyone in this office so I can't
3	have conversations with them.
4	Q And when did you start not trusting him I
5	guess?
6	A When I became President.
7	Q And again that was January 2012?
8	A Yes.
9	Q But up to that time you had a relationship
10	with Lieutenant Fisher?
11	A We discussed how to solve cases. I can't do
12	that anymore.
13	MR. HARKNESS: Okay. Sir, do you have any
14	follow-up question or any type of clarification you
15	would like to add?
16	MR. QUINOA: Yes.
17	EXAMINATION
18	BY MR. QUINOA:
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20	Q When your members receive a discovery
21	package, do you routinely review these discovery
22	packages?
23	A Yes.
24	Q So you review every single sheet that's
25	given in discovery?

1	A Every single sheet that's provided to us I do
2	review if at all possible.
3	Q And you stated earlier that the internal
4	review sheets that's done by the supervisors has been
5	given to you in prior cases in discovery; is that
6	correct?
7	A Yes.
8	Q So this particular document, the internal
9	review sheets, you are stating that you have seen these
10	review sheets in all the discovery packages that have
11	been given to your members when charged?
12	A That's not correct.
13	Q Okay. What is
14	A Not all. I said many over the years.
15	Q Can you give us a quantitative measure how
16	many is many?
17	A I have done so many
18	Q Percentage, how is that?
19	A Sir, I have done so many cases I couldn't give
20	you a percentage. I did hundreds if not thousands or
21	more.
22	Q More than half of the cases have contained
23	these review sheets?
24	A My answer is many. I am not going to lock into
25	a number I'm not sure of.

1	Q It's not a number. A percentage?
2	A Many.
3	EXAMINATION
4	BY MR. HARKNESS:
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6	Q Do you recall the last OPS member who
7	provided your member, STFA member with that particular
8	document included in their discovery package? Who was
9	the OPS member who actually released this to the best
10	of your recollection? There is always a receipt.
11	A You have to ask the people in the office across
12	the hall.
13	Q There's always a receipt and your member
14	would get a receipt with that. So do you recall
15	A You have to ask them. They are the ones that
16	give it out.
17	Q Well, I'm asking you. Who was the last
18	member that you recall that released this particular
19	document in any OPS case?
20	A Whoever was in adjudication at the time. Dan
21	Fisher was the longest person that I have known that
22	was there.
23	Q So you're saying Lieutenant Fisher has
24	released this before?
25	A As a Sergeant. That's his office.

1	Q Okay. Has anybody else that you are aware
2	of, any other member, that would be involved in that
3	which is AIPU, can you identify any other member who
4	with a receipt signed this particular document out in
5	your past history?
6	A I can't. I have no idea.
7	Q So only Lieutenant Fisher in to the
8	best of your recollection?
9	A I can't keep track of all the people that have
10	gone through that revolving door.
11	Q So do you at least agree that everything
12	is signed out with a receipt on each package?
13	A When it is shared with counsel?
14	Q No. From here?
15	A When a member picks it up?
16	Q Yes.
17	A They have to sign a receipt.
18	Q Is a copy of that receipt left with
19	your with the case on file with you or at least in
20	your possession until you turn it over to Labor
21	Relations?
22	A The member is supposed to hold onto that.
23	Q So do you have any cases right now, right
24	now, not old cases, in the last month or two, let's go
25	back to the summer of 2012, this time period, can you

identify any case that you're still sitting on that 1 doesn't have -- that hasn't been adjudicated where a 2 receipt shows that a member from OPS released these 3 with that particular investigation? Do you have 4 anything like that on file right now that we can see 5 and verify? 6 I don't know. I don't know. 7 EXAMINATION 8 9 BY MR. QUINOA: 10 Trooper Burgos, you stated that many --11 Q you stated earlier that you reviewed the discovery 12 that's given to a member; is that correct? You review 13 that discovery you stated that for the record? 14 15 I try to. Yes. 16 You try to. And you're familiar with the 17 Supervisory Internal Investigation Review Sheets and you're stating that on many cases that is part of the 18 19 discovery that's given to your member; is that correct? 20 Α From what I have seen in the past. 21 0 So when you routinely are reviewing these 22 discovery sheets, have you ever made a request where 23 there wasn't a discovery sheet, a review sheet in the 24 discovery where you have told the attorney or the 25 member or advised OPS the review supervisory sheet has

now been included as part of the discovery, have you 1 2 ever made that request? Sure we have. We would request for this the 3 4 allegations and conclusions and other correspondence regarding the discovery. 5 O So you're stating for the record that you 6 7 specifically have requested through either OPS or 8 through one of your attorneys to request this particular document, the review sheets, that were now 9 10 given in discovery on prior cases, you specifically made that, on any member where you saw that there was 11 12 no review sheets included in the discovery? Any and all documents. 13 Any and all documents, I'm talking 14 Q specifically about this document. You reviewed the 15 16 documents. You know what you're getting. 17 specifically stated that on many cases this document is 18 included in discovery. When you reviewed the 19 discovery, that document is not included in that 20 package, have you made a request to OPS or through 21 attorneys specifically asking for this particular 22 document? I would say yes. Review sheets, allegations, 23 24 conclusions, notes. Things of that nature. 25 O Thank you. And the review sheets and

stuff you have requested it specifically for this 1 particular document? I just want to be clear on the 2 This is a document that you've described that 3 record. 4 you received which is called, if I can see the document --5 MR. HARKNESS: 6 Sure. 7 BY MR. QUINOA: 8 The New Jersey State Police Internal 9 Q 10 Investigation Review Sheet. You specifically have looked for that in the discovery package, you noticed 11 12 it is not in the discovery package in other cases and you specifically requested that particular document 13 from State Police because it was not included in the 14 15 discovery package? That's a specific document, not any document, not any and all documents? 16 17 I leave that to association counsel to make Α 18 those requests. 19 Well, you said that you have reviewed 20 discovery packages, you're familiar with discovery packages. You said on many cases, and you refused to 21 22 give a number, but on many cases that has been part of 23 the discovery package that particular document. So as you're reviewing these, you notice that that is not 24 25 included in a particular discovery package, have you

1	asked anyone at OPS or advised counsel, hey, they did
2	not include the review sheets?
3	A Yes.
4	Q Okay. And you have done that on many
5	cases?
6	A I do that on every case.
7	Q Where you specifically asked for the
8	review sheets when they are not included?
9	A Through my confidential discussions with
10	counsel, that is correct. Full discovery.
11	Q I understand full discovery. Specific
12	documents. I understand what you said. I don't think
13	there is any need for more clarification. You're
14	stating that the review sheets that have not been
15	included in prior discoveries you have made a request
16	through legal counsel or perhaps on your own to get OPS
17	to provide that particular document in discovery in
18	prior cases?
19	A I just answered the question.
20	Q Can you answer it one more time.
21	A Yes.
22	MR. QUINOA: Thank you.
23	MR. HARKNESS: That's all you have, sir?
24	MR. QUINOA: That's all I have, sir.
25	MR. HARKNESS: Mr. Bukosky, is there

anything you would like to add or any questions you
would like clarified or anything at this time?

MR. BUKOSKY: No. Other than it's clear
to me that all the questions that were asked today only
pertain to our internal union affairs. It has nothing
whatsoever to do with your investigation of whatever

8 this is a routine discovery document. Why we are

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document that you're concerned about. As indicated,

10 documents, I don't know, but it's clear to me it has

having an investigation over routine discovery

nothing whatsoever to do with the performance of

12 Officer Burgos' duties and responsibilities and the

questions were not narrowly directed to his performance

of his duties. They were solely related to his union

duties. My continuing objection, you know, because of

a variety of reasons to this whole investigation, it

violates the Internal Affairs policies and procedures

of the Attorney General's guidelines, Section 11-43.

19 It violates the attorney-client privilege. It violates

20 the First Amendment on the Freedom of Association.

And I just think this was a very inappropriate

22 investigation. Nothing further.

MR. QUINOA: Sir, if I may, if these are routine discovery documents, they are current cases that are ongoing with Mr. Burgos' office, can Mr.

Burgos please provide us with current cases, okay, 1 where this office, OPS, has given the review sheets as 2 part of discovery as he represents? So the number of 3 cases that he currently has in his office, we'd like 4 him to go through his discovery package, okay, and tell 5 us on which case this document, this particular 6 document has been given in discovery, current cases and 7 8 then we'll be able to get exactly how many are --9 MR. BUKOSKY: No. He is not going to do 10 your secretarial work. These are documents released from your office and you can go through your receipts 11 12 and see when the documents have been given out. not to go routing through hundreds and hundreds of 13 14 files wasting his time to do research that you can do. 15 So I object to him having to do that. That's improper. 16 MR. RIZZO: If he's ordered to do so, he 17 will do so. And in addition to going through them and 18 looking for any such internal supervisory review 19 document that might have been provided, also a copy of 20 any letter from him or from an attorney representing 21 that particular trooper demanding to see that 22 Supervisory Internal Review Sheet because it wasn't 23 included in the discovery package. 24 And I might add, and contrary to what your 25 statement was, this whole investigation centers on a

document that is never provided in any routine document
discovery package to any trooper that's suffering or
undergoing discipline. This is unusual by 100 percent
and that's exactly why this investigation is being
conducted.

MR. BUKOSKY: Well, I'm indicating you
need to issue him a written order to go through these

MR. BUKOSKY: Well, I'm indicating you need to issue him a written order to go through these files and we'll bring it up before Judge Sheraton because we are not going to do your secretarial work. You can get those documents. You maintain them and for you to have him conduct your own investigation, that's just not going to happen.

MR. RIZZO: I understand what you're saying. The point is, these documents are never provided. He says they are routinely and/or they are demanded when they are not. He is going to get a written order to produce all of that material and the reason being is that it is never produced in a discovery package. So you can bring it up before Judge Sheraton but he's going to get a written order to that effect.

MR. BUKOSKY: Well, you're going to have to talk to your own agencies because they apparently destroyed all these documents so I don't know where you think they are going --

1	MR. RIZZO: Well, Mr. Quinoa specified
2	active cases that are currently with the union that
3	have not been adjudicated so they haven't been
4	destroyed. They are sitting in his office. That's
5	what he said.
6	MR. BUKOSKY: If there are any.
7	MR. RIZZO: He says they are.
8	MR. BUKOSKY: No. He did not say that.
9	He said there are many cases and they may or may not
10	be
11	MR. RIZZO: All of the ones that are
12	sitting there unadjudicated right now, if that document
13	exists, that internal review document and/or its been
14	demanded because it wasn't in there, he is going to get
15	an order to produce that material.
16	MR. BUKOSKY: Send the order.
17	MR. RIZZO: Okay.
18	MR. HARKNESS: Anything else from anybody?
19	Trooper Burgos, anything else?
20	MR. BURGOS: No.
21	EXAMINATION
22	BY MR. HARKNESS:
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24	Q Sir, has this statement been the truth to
25	the best of your knowledge?

1	A Yes.
2	Q Is there anything regarding this
3	investigation that I have not asked you that you feel I
4	should have?
5	A No.
6	Q Is there anything that you would like to
7	add to your statement at this time?
8	A As I told the Chief of Staff and the Colonel's
9	Office, this is a witch hunt for obvious trying to
10	cover tracks for Star Ledger news stories that have
11	obviously caused some problems within the State of New
12	Jersey's Law and Public Safety and they are looking for
13	a scapegoat and that apparently is me.
14	Q So you did have this conversation with
15	somebody in the Chief of Staff's Office about this?
16	A Yes. I spoke to the Chief of Staff.
17	Q And what was the contents of that
18	conversation just for the record? Because I asked you
19	about this earlier. I asked you if you had any
20	conversations about this particular matter with anybody
21	in the State Police.
22	A I'm sorry. I didn't recall at that time.
23	EXAMINATION
24	BY MR. QUINOA:
25	Q Can you identify the Chief of Staff just

1 for the record.

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I don't recall what rank she Patricia Littles. is right now. Major I think. It goes back to November 20th, 2012. On or about that date I received numerous requests for Weingarten representatives for my members and I inquired as to why we have -- I have six members calling for reps and they need to talk to these members as soon as possible and trying to coordinate reps was a priority. We don't want to delay investigations. And I reached out to the Chief of Staff about it and I actually tried to reach out to the Colonel. He was not taking my call. I got a response back from Chief of Staff Littles. Is it important. said, yes, it's important and I advised her that I believe that I was the target of an investigation regarding leaks and if it was regarding anything regarding the Wambold-Juckett case, that obviously they are looking for a scapegoat and this witch hunt is targeting me. And that conversation was had on or about November 20th. I expressed my dismay that I had not received any return call or discussion with the Colonel on this and I haven't had any discussions with them since them. **EXAMINATION** 

BY MR. HARKNESS:

1	Q And what was the content of the
2	conversation?
3	A With the Chief of Staff?
4	Q Exactly. What was the content of the
5	conversation?
6	A I said Lieutenant Dan Fisher's screw up has
7	caused a backlash against the association, myself and
8	my members.
9	Q What did you identify as the screw up?
10	A The discovery regarding the Juckett case.
11	Q So you identified to her that you had, in
12	fact, that review sheet in your possession?
13	A I said that I believe that this is in regard to
14	the Wambold-Juckett case. If that's the case, if that
15	is the fact, that it's a witch hunt and I am being
16	scapegoated.
17	Q Again, I'm trying to clarify here whether
18	she knew that you had those review sheets in your
19	possession and that's the first part of my question.
20	Did she know you had them in your possession during
21	that conversation on November 20th?
22	A I don't know if she acknowledged that or not.
23	Q Did you tell her?
24	A I made clear that it was regarding discovery.
25	Q You told her that you had them in your

1	possession?
2	A This is November?
3	Q Right. November 20th. What did she say
4	about that?
5	A That she would relate my concerns to the
6	Colonel.
7	Q Did you was she aware of the review
8	sheets? I guess we can start there. Was she aware of
9	the content of those review sheets?
10	A I don't know.
11	Q Did you tell her the content of the review
12	sheets?
13	A I said it was discovery regarding
14	Wambold-Juckett.
15	Q Did you tell her the content of the review
16	sheets meaning did you tell the Chief of Staff that the
17	review went through and the findings as to whoever the
18	findings were associated with, whatever person made
19	those findings, did you have that discussion with her?
20	A No.
21	Q Did you tell her what you were going to do
22	or what you did with the documents?
23	A No.
24	EXAMINATION
25	BY MR. QUINOA:

Trooper Burgos, if these documents -- you 1 stated numerous times that these documents were 2 routinely given out in discovery, the review sheets 3 were routinely given out in discovery, correct? Why do 4 you consider Lieutenant Fisher's forwarding these 5 review sheets as a screw up? If they were routinely 6 given in discovery, why would you consider Lieutenant 7 8 Fisher giving those documents as a screw up? doesn't make sense. 9 That he sent it to the wrong attorney. 10 Α So you're saying he sent it to the wrong 11 12 attorney is a screw up? You're entitled to the discovery you're saying? 13 14 Α Right. 15 That you received this on all your 16 discovery packages or many of your discovery packages, 17 you receive this document. So therefore if he sent it to a different attorney, I don't see how you can say 18 19 that's a screw up? 20 Α If he sent it to the proper attorney, I would 21 never have seen these documents. They would not have 22 been forwarded to me. They would have been sent to 23 appropriate counsel. 24 Q So you think there is a scapegoat because the focus here is that Lieutenant Fisher sent this 25

routine package that you're claiming is in regular 1 routine packages that was forwarded to another 2 attorney, that is a major coverup or screw up that the 3 Office of State Police, Office of Professional 4 Standards is trying to coverup that a discovery -- that 5 a document was sent to a different attorney if the 6 document is routinely given in any matter? 7 That wasn't my point is that because of 8 what Dan Fisher did, I have to answer to why he sent it 9 10 to the wrong counsel rather than the appropriate counsel and the Star Ledger writes a story and all 11 12 these things start going on, that's what I am talking That's what everyone doesn't want to talk about 13 about. 14 is that the media is driving all these issues and I'm 15 the appropriate scapegoat here because the truth hurts 16 sometimes. 17 I don't want to beat this, but I just want Q 18 You're saying that the fact that to make sure. 19 Lieutenant Fisher sent this discovery document that you 20 say you received many times, okay, that he sent it to a 21 different attorney, you're saying that that's the focus 22 of this investigation why this particular document was 23 sent to an attorney that was not representing, that's 24 the screw up, that's what they are trying to find out 25 why he sent it to the wrong attorney?

I can't answer that question. 1 Α Well, you're saying it's a screw up. 2 that the screw up you're talking about that --3 That was my --Α 4 What is the Office of Professional 5 Standards trying to cover up that you're saying in your 6 words or trying to put the blame on you? Exactly what 7 are they trying to put the blame on you on exactly? 8 That the Ballis (ph) litigant, the 9 Α Wambold-Juckett case their counsel put things on the 10 11 record and it's embarrassing to the State and this 12 discovery is crucial to our member's defense and now it's all -- its come to the point where because this 13 proper discovery was provided, it puts the State on its 14 15 heels so now it's our fault. It's my fault. It's my 16 attorney's fault that the State is in this position of 17 having to explain themselves why for years nothing was 18 done and then minds were changed on the day the Star 19 Ledger article comes out. That's my concern. And in 20 my eyes as the President, I have to properly represent 21 my members and I'm not going to be bullied for whatever 22 reason to just try to roll over and let things happen. 23 I'm going to do the right thing for my members. Proper 24 discovery. This is what we do. 25 MR. QUINOA: Thank you.

1	MR. HARKNESS: Anything else?
2	MR. RIZZO: I have nothing.
3	MR. HARKNESS: Sir?
4	MR. BUKOSKY: Nothing.
5	EXAMINATION
6	BY MR. HARKNESS:
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8	Q Trooper Burgos, anything else to add?
9	A No.
10	Q Have you been treated fairly and with
11	respect here today?
12	A I will reserve my answer for a later time.
13	Q At this time I am preparing to end your
14	recorded statement. I can turn off the recorder and
15	allow you and your attorney to review the statement if
16	you so desire. Sir, would you like to do that, review
17	your statement?
18	MR. BUKOSKY: No. But if there is some
19	mistake, we'll review the transcript and we'll let you
20	know.
21	MR. HARKNESS: Very good. Anything else?
22	MR. RIZZO: No.
23	MR. QUINOA: No. Thank you.
24	BY MR. HARKNESS:
25	Q I will request that you not discuss

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anything regarding this investigation with anyone so as
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         not to compromise the integrity of the investigation.
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         Sir, do you understand this?
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         Α
                 Yes.
                       MR. HARKNESS: The tape recorded statement
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         of Trooper I Christopher Burgos is now complete.
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         time is 12:07 p.m., February 26th, 2013. Thank
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         you.
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